

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Mellanie Jinnette

SCDE Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 13, 2014

RE: 2014 Instructional Materials Public Review

The Instructional Materials Review Panels have finalized their instructional materials recommendations for the 2014 adoption cycle. This year, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) will conduct a virtual public review of student materials for each recommended program from October 10 through November 10, 2014. A report of the Review Panel recommendations with citizens' comments will be submitted to the State Board of Education (SBE) on December 10, 2014. Upon SBE approval, districts and schools will receive notification of the newly-adopted materials.

We invite you and members of your district and community to participate in the public review. The two adoption areas with recommended materials are Advanced Placement Human Geography 9-12 and Cursive Writing grades 3-5. Access to the Web links for each proposed program and the Public Review Comment Form is available at http://www.mysctextbooks.com. After you click "What's New," please click the first link entitled "Public Review Information with Web Links and Comment Form Access." You will then find links to each proposed program and the online comment forms.

The intent of the annual Instructional Materials Public Review is to give citizens the opportunity to review proposed instructional materials and submit comments that will be considered by the State Board of Education to determine which materials should be made available for South Carolina public schools.

Please assist us by distributing this information to appropriate persons in your district and schools.

Attachment

cc: State Board of Education

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